Exploration of, minerals in Gujarat

2228. SHRl ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE; Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places in Gujarat which are likely to be surveyed for exploration of minerals, the details in this regard;

(b). whether Government have also formulated any such plan for Uttar Pradesh and other States; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) During the Field Session 1992-93, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has undertaken investigations for strategic minerals (Tin-tungsten, molybdenum and REE) in Banaskantha district; mineralisation potential for basemetals in extension areas of the Ambamata polymetallic deposits, Banaskantha district; study of vol. canics and associated rocks of Alech hill, Janjodhpur area, Jamnagar district for assessment of gold mineralisation and assessment of lignite reserves in Bharuch and Surat districts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The mineral exploration programme formulated by GSI during the 8th Plan period for Uttar Pradesh and other States is as under:—

A. Non-coal minerals/metals

1. Basemetals *Programme* — 46 invetigations in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Bihar, Orissa, West Ben. gal, Madhya Pradesh, J and K, Maha rashtra, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pra desh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

2. Gold *Programme* — 40 investi. gations in Andhra Pradesh Karna taka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pra desh, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh, Rajas than and Gujarat.

3. *Tin-tungsten Programme* — 15 investigations in Haryana, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra, Ma dhya Pradesh, West Bingal, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and J and K.

4. *Platinum Grtup of Metals (PGM Programme* — 9 investigations in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Orissa, Ma. harashtra and J and K.

5. *Molybdenum Programme* — 3 investigations in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Meghalaya.

6. *Multimetal Programme* — 13 investigations in Haryana. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

7. *Diamond Programme* —8 investigations: in Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

8. Fertilizer minerals in West Bengal.

9. Ferrous Group of Minerals (Chromite, Manganese etc.) in Orissa and Manipur.

10. Limestone and Dolomite and other minerals in Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura and Uttar Pra desh.

B. Coal and Lignite:

1. Damodar Valley Coal Basin in West Bengal and Bihar (4 projects).

2. Rajmahal-Birbhum Master Coal Basin in West Bengal and Bihar (2 projects).

3. Mahanadi Valiey Coal Basin in Orissa and Madhya Pradesh (4 projects).

4. Sone Valley basin in Madhya Pradesh (2 projects).

5. Wardha Valley Coal basin, Maharashtra .

6. Godavari Valley Coal basin, Andhra Pradeh.

7. East Coast Lignite Field. Tamil Nadu. ,

8. West Coast Lignite Field, Raj. asthan and Gujarat.

Amendment Un Mines and Minerals Regulation and Development Act, 1957.

2229. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarkaria Commission recommended revision of period of royalty rates;

(b) whether Government are aware that inordinate delays *in* revision of royalty rates causes helplessness among th_e States in mobilising res, ources for developmental activities:

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan has demanded automatic and time-bound irevision of rates once for all; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard and by when Government would take a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. Govt, therefore indea. yours to ensure that avoidable delay does not take place in such revisions.

(c) No, Sir,

(d) Does not arise.

Parliamentary Consultative Commit. tees

2230. SHR V. RAJESHWAR RAO' Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Parlia mentary Consultative Committees aiong with their names and the of meetings of the Commutes held during the year 1992; and

(b) the number and names of Members of Parliament who are not represered in any Consultative Co. miti-

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VTDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Names of Consultative Committees for various Ministries and the number of meetings hald during 1992

Sl No.	Name of Committee	No of meetings
1	2	3
1	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Agriculture	6
2	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Science & Technology and other Scientific Deptts.	5
3	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution	6
4	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism	6
5	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers	7